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Mayor Coleman to Read New GreenSpot Children's Book to Devonshire Elementary Students

Mayor Michael B. Coleman will visit first grade students at Devonshire Elementary School on Monday, April 16, 2012 at 2:30p.m. to release the book, *GreenSpot and the Dots*. The Mayor will read the story and autograph copies of the book for students. Media is invited to attend. The story features a character who embarks on a journey through Columbus to discover how to care for the earth. Copies of the book are now available to be checked out at Columbus Public Libraries.

"Our children have the capacity to be leaders in the green movement," Mayor Coleman said. "If we can reach them early in life, our kids can not only develop sustainable habits, but also teach them to their parents."

Funded with support from the Ohio Environmental Education Fund, the book is just one part in a series of GreenSpot Kids resources designed to enable teachers to incorporate sustainability into classroom life. Teachers serving Columbus students are now able to request these free resources by visiting the program website at GreenKids.Columbus.gov. Program elements support first grade state science standards and include:

- A classroom set of the book, *GreenSpot and the Dots*.
- A website, GreenKids.Columbus.gov, featuring enriching activities for students.
- A reusable accomplishment chart for students to use to track their efforts to go green.
- Worksheets including an audio guided walking tour of green features common to all school grounds.
- A resource guide for teachers to discover other central Ohio organizations that offer field trips, presentations and in kind assistance to classrooms learning about environmental topics including sustainability, natural resources, energy and more.
- Classroom presentations from city sustainability experts.

"This program links science standards to practical application in student's everyday life," Patricia Price, Devonshire Elementary Principal said. "Our teachers and students are eager to participate."

The program is a new extension of the web based GreenSpot program available online at www.ColumbusGreenSpot.org. Mayor Coleman launched GreenSpot in 2008 to support residents in their efforts to live a more sustainable lifestyle. The program now has more than 3,700 members.

Where

Devonshire Elementary School
6286 Ambleside Drive
Columbus, Ohio 43229

When

Monday, April 16, 2012
2:30 p.m.